

WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am
Worship ~ 10:45 am

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We are pleased that you are coming to worship at New Hope Presbyterian Church. In order to serve you well, please:

- ***Visit our Welcome Table***
- ***ESV Bibles are available on the back table for use during the service***
- ***Turn off the ringer on your electronic devices***
- ***Nursery is available for children up to age 4***
- ***Large Print bulletins available upon request***
- ***Children's bulletins available at the Welcome Table***
- ***Please fill out a blue visitor card if you are visiting and place it in the offering box or give to a greeter***

Vision of New Hope Presbyterian Church

New Hope Presbyterian Church
is a grace and gospel-centered fellowship
which exists to magnify Jesus Christ
in the areas of worship, fellowship
and outreach.

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Morning Worship

September 15, 2024

Reflections

*To keep your armor bright,
attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain's sight,
and watching unto prayer*

~ Charles Wesley

It is crucial that all Christians see their life as warfare. That is not all that it is. But it is that, always. We see this in Scripture. Paul tells Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life to which you were called." So life is war because the maintenance of our faith and the laying hold on eternal life is a constant fight.

~ John Piper

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 18:1-12(responsive)

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

**³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

⁴The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

**⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.**

⁷Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.

⁸Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

⁹He bowed the heavens and came down;

thick darkness was under his feet.

**10 He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.**

**11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,
thick clouds dark with water.**

**12 Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.**

Praise

Hymn of Praise — A Mighty Fortress

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father
 (echo)

We believe in Christ the Son.
 (echo)

We believe in the Holy Spirit.
 (echo)

We are the Church and we stand
 as one. (echo)

Holy, holy, holy is our God.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.

All glory and honor

are His to receive;

To Jesus we sing,

because we believe.

We believe in the Holy Bible.
 (echo)

We believe in the virgin birth.
 (echo)

We believe in the resurrection,
 (echo)

That Christ one day,
 will return to earth. (echo)

We believe in the blood of Jesus.
 (echo)

We believe in eternal life. (echo)

We believe in the blood
 that frees us. (echo)

To become the Bride of Christ.
 (echo)

Higher Throne

There is a higher throne,
 Than all this world has known,
 Where faithful ones
 from every tongue,
 Will one day come.
 Before the Son we'll stand,
 Made faultless through the Lamb,
 Believing hearts
 find promised grace,
 Salvation comes... (chorus)

*Hear heaven's voices sing,
 Their thunderous anthem rings,
 Through emerald courts,
 and sapphire skies,
 Their praises rise,
 All glory, wisdom, power, strength,
 Thanks and honor are,
 To God, our King,
 who reigns on high.
 Forevermore*

And there, we'll find our home,
 Our life before the throne,
 We'll honor Him, in perfect song,
 Where we belong...
 He'll wipe each tearstained eye,
 As thirst and hunger die,
 The Lamb becomes
 our Shepherd King,
 We'll reign with Him... (chorus)

Renewal

Confession of Sin — 1 Timothy 5:6-12

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 2:13-15

¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Offering* — *Deuteronomy 8:18* ¹⁸*You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Response in Song — Jesus, Thank You

The mystr'y of the cross
I cannot comprehend,
the agonies of Calvary
You the perfect holy One
crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood
has washed away my sin,
Jesus thank You
The Father's wrath
completely satisfied,
Jesus thank You
Once Your enemy
now seated at Your table,
Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches
of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and your kindness
know no end.

Lover of my soul I want to live for you. (3X)

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

Children ages 4-5 are welcome to go to children's church at this time at parents' discretion.

Sermon Text — Ephesians 6:10-13

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Sermon — Be Strong in the Lord

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — Lead On Oh King Eternal (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

You are invited to come pray with the prayer team up front after the worship service.

Be Strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10-13

1. Your Deadly Battle (vs 11-12)

2. God's Mighty Armor (vs 10-11)

3. Stand Your Ground (vs 13)

Closing Song — Lead On Oh King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Marc Quist, Colin Brooks (early team)
Mark & Sally Rice (late team)
SS Nursery: Connor Freeman, Mary Troxel

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Rosemarie Festog, Elisa & Lily Godoy,
Children's Church: Giny Socash, Matt Festog
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: David Ochs
Nursery On-call: Ron Socash
Prayer Team: Cath Howard & Cynthia Wintermyer

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Dustin Mixon, Becky Wood (early team)
Gene Wood, Sue Bridenbaugh (late team)
SS Nursery: Elizabeth Jones, Jordan Roberts

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Jared Neahusan, Michelle & Lillian Williams
Children's Church: Joy Nichols, Emma VanDelden
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today **Planted Deep Growth Group**, meeting today in the overflow room after the worship service.

Tuesday **Session Meeting**, 7:00 pm in C8

Wednesday **Ladies' Night Out**, 6:00 pm at the Main Cup, see announcement page for details.

Saturday **Men's Ministry Discussion Group**, 8-10 am in the overflow room

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for the New Hope session as they meet this week. Pray for unity, clarity, wisdom, and strength as they lead and shepherd the church body. Give thanks for their service and for their care for the church
- Pray for the men who are currently involved in elder training. Pray that the Lord would make their calling sure and that they would have wisdom to know how best they should serve the church. Pray that the Lord would raise up men to serve as deacons in the church.
- Give thanks for Jyl Mixon and her willingness to serve as meals coordinator and also for Lauren Mendez and her many years serving in this role.
- Pray that each day we will put on the whole armor of God, being strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might, so that we can stand against the schemes of the devil and against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil.
- Pray for our nation, particularly during this election cycle, that we will not be divided but will be a nation of people who care for each other and look for ways to serve and honor those around us.
- Give thanks for the assurance we have in knowing that God is ruler over all, our mighty fortress. Praise God that in Him we have peace, even when we have tribulation in the world, knowing that He has overcome the world!
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: those who are suffering from the effects of abuse, are grieving the loss of loved ones, are suffering with dementia or other chronic illnesses, are fighting cancer, or any other difficult trial. Pray for those who are mourning in particular this week.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the missions that we support financially: CareNet Pregnancy Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray that they will be places where the gospel is proclaimed and Christ honoring. Pray that the Lord will raise up folks from New Hope to serve in these missions.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionaries of the month: the missionaries serving the Lord in Uruguay. Pray particularly for Stephen and Catalina Payson in Montevideo. Pray that the Lord would bless the new church planting effort in the Maldonado region and that He would raise up gifted and qualified Uruguayan men for the pastor office.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray for wisdom for them to know what areas of ministry to start investing more in and also for the mid-week Bible study they have started to be a blessing to those that attend.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he ministers to the people in central Asia. Pray that he will have the discipline to develop and maintain good habits and routines as classes begin. Pray, too, that he will be a supportive teammate, attentive to others' needs, and not be self-focused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Night Out will be Thursday, September 19th. Dinner will be at The Main Cup, 14 W Main Street, Middletown, at 6pm and then dessert to follow at Kelsey Roberts, 7306 Countryside Dr, Middletown. Please RSVP to me at LauraBeth.panchal@gmail.com or 571-209-8226 by Wednesday September 18th.

Sunday School & Worship next week, on Sunday, September 22nd, Pastor Charles Biggs, our regional home missionary, will be teaching Sunday school for all the adult classes and for the high school class. The adults and high schoolers are asked to come to the sanctuary for a combined class that morning. Also, Pastor Biggs will be bringing us God's word during the worship service.

Fellowship Meal, On Sunday 9/22/24 there will be a post church Fellowship Meal. Please stay and hear about her summer at the Boardwalk Chapel from Hannah Foster and other missions related info! The church will provide chicken (fried and roasted), macaroni and cheese, and salad. Please bring a dessert to share. Any questions please contact Monica Laird at monlaird@gmail.com or (410) 963-6522.

Youth Retreat! The New Hope Youth retreat is Fri Oct 4-6 at White Sulphur Springs Retreat Center about 30 mins away from Bedford PA. We will leave New Hope Friday afternoon and return to New Hope Sunday late morning. The cost will be \$130 per student and includes lodging, food, and transportation. There will be funds available to offset the cost for families that need it or for families sending multiple students. Any retreat questions can be directed to Monica Laird (410) 963-6522 or monlaird@gmail.com.

Ladies Prayer Brunch, Dear Ladies: You are invited to a New Hope Praise and Prayer Breakfast on Saturday October 12 at 10:00 am. We will enjoy a delicious brunch and then spend time using the Psalms to guide us in a time of prayer and praise. Please come and be encouraged by time spent lifting up his name and our petitions to our gracious heavenly Father. Please sign up to bring a brunch item. Hope to see you there. Any questions reach out to Ann Burden, Joy Nichols or Rosemarie Festog.

New Meals Coordinator, for several years, Lauren Mendez has overseen our church meals ministry program and we are so grateful for her service. Please take a moment to thank her if you see her! We are so pleased to let you know that Jyl Mixon has graciously offered to take over this role and is now our new meals ministry coordinator. What does this meals ministry coordinator do? Check out our new church ministry highlight on the next page!

Help Needed, Grace OPC in Vienna, VA is still looking for childcare volunteers to help with the upcoming Minister's Wives' Fellowship on September 21st. Can you help? They are asking for volunteers to commit to help during either the morning slot (8:45 am-noon) or the afternoon slot (12:45-5:00 pm). Volunteers should be at least 13 years old. If you

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want to help, please contact Gingy in the office and she will send you the sign-up genius link.

Your Feedback Is Requested! The elders of New Hope are asking for your feedback and input regarding resting months and the later start time for our Sunday Worship services. Both of these were decisions we decided to try out for a time to see whether they had a positive impact on the life of the church. We would appreciate if you could complete the following (brief) survey to help us evaluate the benefits and downsides of these two practices. If you are not able to do the electronic survey, you can simply write your thoughts in an email and send it to the elders through Dennis Caruso (clerk@newhopeopc.org), or by speaking to one of the elders. Here is the survey link: <https://forms.gle/E3unndptPaBVnC8KA>. Thank you!

Ministry Highlights

Over the next several weeks, we are going to highlight one or two ministries in the bulletin to help folks know about the various ministries in the church, who oversees them, and how they function. Please take some time to read these highlights so that you will have more knowledge and know if maybe you might want to serve in any of them!

Meals Ministry, *the meals ministry is a long-standing ministry that falls under the oversight of the deacons. It is a practical ministry in which meals are provided for individuals or families that are going through either difficult or live-changing circumstances. Some examples of who might receive meals from the church body: families who have just given birth to new little ones, folks that have undergone surgery and are physically struggling, or families that are going through the death of a loved one and are in need. These meals are provided by families and individuals in the church body usually through a sign-up genius and for anywhere from one to two weeks. Providing meals for our Christian brothers and sisters is a wonderful way to bless them, get to know them better, and help carry their burden and everyone is encouraged to take part in these opportunities when they arise. You don't have to be a great cook to participate in providing meals...you can even buy them a premade meal if that suits you best! Jyl Mixon is our meals ministry coordinator and she can be reached by emailing her at jyl_jl@yahoo.com.*

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Ephesians 6:10 ¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

Heidelberg Catechism 127: What is the Sixth Petition [in the Lord's Prayer]? "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"; that is, since we are so weak in ourselves, that we cannot stand a moment; and besides this, since our mortal enemies, the devil, the world, and our own flesh, cease not to assault us, do thou therefore preserve and strengthen us by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that we may not be overcome in this spiritual warfare, but constantly and strenuously may resist our foes, till at last we obtain a complete victory.

Monday: Eph 6:10-12. Why must we put on the armor of God? What is the devil like? How does v 12 underscore the nature, power, degree, and cunning of our enemies? What strategies does the devil use against God's church, and individuals (e.g. Eph 2:2-4, Phil 2:3, Mt 4:3-10, 13:21)? Which ones are most effective in the USA? Against you? What is our hope?

Tuesday: Eph 6:10. Why does Paul add "in the Lord" to his charge to be strong? What truth/theology is evident in the phrase "in him/in the Lord" (Rom 6:5, Eph 1:3, 4, etc)? What have we learned about God's strength in Eph 1:11, 2:4-6, 3:16-19? How do you appropriate for yourself God's strength (consider prayer, faith in God's promises, resting in his power and presence, new identity, and prayer)?

Wednesday: Eph 6:11. Think about how God himself puts on armor to rescue his people (Isaiah 59:17-18, 11:5). How did Jesus wear this armor perfectly (e.g. truth, salvation, righteousness, but especially in Eph 1:20-22). In whose victory do we stand? How does that give us confidence?

Knowing the truth of who we are in union with Christ, cultivating the virtues of this new identity, and using the resources available through this new relationship are at the heart of what it means to put on the armor of God." ~ O'Brien

Thursday: Eph 6:11, 13. God already provided all the armor we need in Christ. How does Eph 4:24 call us to don it? What is the main charge in v 13? Do you see your life as a battle (1 Tim 6:12)? Do you recognize that there's a cosmic battle to destroy you and the church (Lk 22:31)? "Wrestle" in v 12 means it's close and personal. We already have all we need in Christ -so use it (James 4:7)! Fight! Withstand! Pray! Resist!

Friday: Eph 6:10-13. All the verbs here are plural -so the church is to put on, and stand firm "together." What does that look like? How is this armor meant for defense? What about offense, advancing God's kingdom purposes? Think about the catechism above.

Saturday: Read Philippians 2:1-11. Pray for God's power to strengthen us to holiness.